

## **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

### **ABSTRACT**

An information management system has an object management unit for storing object data of more than one kind in a common general format regardless of the kind of object data. A format management unit stores a format for each specific kind of object. A filter management unit for storing a plurality of filters. A database management control unit converts the object data between the common general format stored in the object management unit and the specific format for retrieval based on a respective one of a plurality of filters stored in the filter management unit. Object data is correlated with a filter identifier which specifies which filter is to be utilized when the object is retrieved.